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PROCESSING EXHAUST)
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APPARATUS OF)
SEPARATING CARBON)
DIOXIDE)

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Application No. 60-172334. An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
2. Japanese Application No. 4-77308. An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
3. Japanese Application No. 1-115432. An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.
4. Japanese Application No. 2004-532170
5. Japanese Application No. 2000-024454. An English-language abstract and an English-language translation of this document is also enclosed.

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